SENATE BILL 1924

By Woodson

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, relative to tenure.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 8, Part 3, is amended by adding the following language as a new section:

49-8-305. The chancellor shall endeavor to study tenure at system institutions. Any such study shall examine tenure policies of like systems in contiguous states. The chancellor shall report to the education committees of the senate and house of representatives any findings and recommendations by April 1, 2012. Such report shall include a synopsis of the tenure policy or policies adopted by the board for faculty at system institutions, a brief comparison of tenure policies of like systems in contiguous states, the number of tenured faculty at each system institution, the number of tenured faculty at each system institution, the number of tenured faculty at each system institution by discipline and the number of tenured faculty departing system institutions in each of the proceeding five (5) academic years. The chancellor shall strive to include other relevant information as deemed appropriate by the chancellor.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring

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